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## PHONE CONVERSATION

Date:

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Time:

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Call From:

Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer Class

Call To:

Bill Hamm, Idaho Stone Company (208) 466-8686

Mr. Hamm is interested in a property in Box Elder County. The property has split surface and mineral ownership. The surface is private, while the minerals are federal (BLM). There are believed to be two claims filed in the area which overlap. A claim by American Stone and a claim by Idaho Stone. It seems that in the recent past the surface owner was granting leases for removal of stone from his property. State Stone was one operation removing products under a lease with the surface owner. Idaho Stone became involved in the matter through a purchase of Idaho Quartzite operations. All three stone companies (American Stone, Idaho Stone, State Stone) appear to be involved with the site in one manner or another. The area in question is section 22, near the old "Star Stone Quarry". [believed to be referring to section 22, T14N, R17W].

Mr. Hamm has spoken with Dan Washington and Phil Allard of the BLM. Idaho Stone will be filing a Notice with the BLM and sending a copy of the Notice to the Division. Mr. Hamm intends to research the issues of property lines and claim borders some more before sending in the Notice. He expects to submit the notice in approximately two weeks. He may visit the Division to review files regarding the nearby operations.

He asked what the state's permitting requirements would be for this type of situation, i.e., mining operations without mineral rights, claims dispute, & unpermitted(?) mining activities. I explained the requirements for submission of a Notice of Intent prior to starting any mining activity. I explained the small and large mine categories and what is considered part of the disturbed area. I discussed the possible scenarios for pre-law disturbances which have and have not been re-impacted. Without knowing all the details regarding this site, I did not know if the Division would take any enforcement actions such as noncompliance. Since the BLM is involved the Division would coordinate permitting activities with them. We will send a copy of the rules and mining forms to Mr. Hamm at 107 14th Avenue South; Napa ID 83651. The Division will await for a submission from Idaho Stone. A joint meeting and/or site inspection with the BLM, Division, and operator(s) will probably be needed to resolve any permitting issues for this site.

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